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# AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2002 in which the Examiner rejected all of the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) by prior art. Applicants have made amendments to correct certain errors in the claims. Applicants traverse the claim rejections and submit that all the pending claims 1-36 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 5, 7, 11, 17, 19, 21, 23, 26-36 are amended as shown in the attached "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made" submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein there are multiple work processes each associated with one input status and at least one output status, wherein each work process is enabled to update the job status with one associated output status after completing the processing of the job, wherein the output status for one work process is the input status associated with one

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